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Dear Sirs:

I am writing to express my support for the settlement of the antitrust case against Microsoft. As a former Microsoft employee, I think that the employees and executives of Microsoft are looking forward to the opportunity to move past the legal problems. I have no doubt that Microsoft employees will work fairly and honestly, according to the terms of the settlement.

During the past month, many of Microsoft's competitors have reported financial results and made predictions regarding future financial results. I am guardedly optimistic that financial conditions will improve for many high-tech companies as customers see the benefits of open access to Microsoft source code. Reduced support costs may well provide an impetus to growth necessary to lift the industry from its current economic slump.

Thank you for considering my opinions in this matter.

Regards,

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